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CHAPTER VIII—PUBLIC WORKS AND ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENTS.

590 The grant for the several works, the execution of which was entrusted to the Public Works Department, stood at Rs. 3,50,10,047.

591 Some of the important works sanctioned during the year were :—

		Estimate Rs.	
1.	Restoration of Jodi Alapanahalli Hutchakere in Nagamangala Taluk.	1,40,000	Irrigation Works.
2.	Extension of the District Office Buildings at Hassan.	2,29,000	Buildings.
3.	Construction of II Floor to Hotel K.R.S.	3,20,000	
4.	Construction of quarters for the Provincial Reserve Police at Chikmagalur.	2,43,000	
5.	Construction of a Municipal High School at Channagiri.	1,17,000	
6.	Asphalting Madras—Cannanore Road from 1/4J to 3/72 Kolar to Nangali Border.	2,22,100	Roads.
7.	Laying 24" C.I. Main from 0 to 6/1 from Chamarājasagara to C.J.P. Bangalore III Stage duplication.	5,13,000	Water Supply Works.
8.	Constructing an R.C.C. Balancing Reservoir of 0·6 million gallons capacity at Byrasanda Hillock in Jayanagar Extension, Bangalore.	1,20,000	
9.	Improving Water Supply to Anekal Town.	1,41,200	Irrigation.

592 Some of the important Major Irrigation Works under progress were :—

1.	Constructing a new tank across Syagalihalla near Muthugadur, Holalkere Taluk, to irrigate 350 acres.	3,40,000	
	(Revised Estimate)	6,50,000	
2.	Constructing a new tank across Chikkhagari near Thuppadahalli in Jagalur Taluk to irrigate 1,175 acres.	3,54,000	
	*R.E.	9,82,000	
3.	Constructing a new tank across Jungehalla near Sangenahally, Jagalur Taluk, to irrigate 1,600 acres.	10,57,000	
	R.E.	20,62,000	

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	4.	Constructing a new tank across Khanihalla near Parasurampur, Chellakere Taluk, to irrigate about 2,571 acres.	3,80,000 *11,06,000
	5.	Constructing a new tank across Jayamangali River at Irksandra, Koratagere Taluk.	5,00,000
	6.	Constructing a new tank at Honnamachanahalli, Kunigal Taluk.	5,50,000
	7.	Kanva Reservoir Balance Works ...	8,80,000
	8.	Constructing new tank over Nalligudda ...	9,14,000
	9.	Constructing a Reservoir across Nugu near Hirwal.	85,00,000
	10.	Protective works to waste weir valleys of Krishnarajasagara.	29,70,000
	11.	Extending training wall in plus 80 valley of Krishnarajasagara,	3,80,000
	12.	Constructing an anicut across Viravaishnavi River near Dommasandra.	2,00,000
	13.	Constructing an anicut across Lokapavani near Sunkathonnur.	3,36,000
	14.	Opening Hebballa pick up channel ...	11,45,000
	15.	Improvements to Keelara pick up channel ...	3,74,000
Education Buildings.	16.	Constructing an Occupational Institute at Mysore.	2,82,500
University Buildings.	17.	Constructing Natural Science Block in Central College.	5,50,000
Medical Buildings.	18.	Constructing a General Hospital Building at Tumkur.	4,72,000
	19.	Constructing a Central Block of Nurses' quarters in Victoria Hospital.	2,32,000
	20.	Constructing Sri Jayachamarajendra Ayurvedic and Unani Hospital.	5,46,700
	21.	Constructing a new Pathological Block in Victoria Hospital, Bangalore.	2,64,000
	22.	Constructing Nurses' quarters at Mysore.	4,56,000
Police Buildings.	23.	Constructing P.A.R.P. quarters at Tumkur.	3,30,000
	24.	Constructing a P.A.R.P. quarters at Adugodi	11,00,000
	25.	Constructing 100 additional P.R.P. quarters in Mysore Road.	3,90,000

Projects.

593. The construction of the reservoir across the river Bhadra at Lakkavally forms one of the major Irrigation Schemes in Thunga Bhadra basin in the northern parts of the State. The cost of the project according to the sanction was Rs. 8·88 crores, and with the present day conditions, the project has been estimated to cost nearly Rs. 20 crores.

A three-man committee was appointed in December 1949 to go into the question of slowing down the scheme and the recommendations of the Committee were accepted by Government in June 1950. A programme was drawn up for slowing down the project, and spreading it over a period of 6 years from 1950-51.

594. The scheme of constructing an anicut across the Thunga near Sakrebyle, Shimoga Taluk, was taken up for irrigation in regions of low rain-fall in Shimoga and Honnali taluks. Against the revised estimate of Rs. 1·3 crores, an outlay of Rs. 50,86,225 was incurred up to the end of March 1951.

595. The construction of a Reservoir across the river Nugu near Birwal is one of the schemes in the development of irrigation in the Cauvery basin. The project was sanctioned by Government for Rs. 81 lakhs in 1949. Against the revised estimate for Rs. 2·20 crores, an outlay of Rs. 28,59,758 was incurred up to the end of March 1951.

596. Under the Land Improvement Schemes, works of special improvements to irrigation works such as construction of culverts across irrigation channels, improvements of roads and bridges in irrigation tracts and pick up channels are included. The expenditure under this head during the year amounted to Rs. 89,22,749.

597. The Brindavan Gardens at Krishnarajasagara, with multi-coloured fairy fountains continued to attract large number of visitors and were maintained efficiently. There was special illumination of the Gardens during Dasara and His Highness the Maharaja's Birthday Seasons during the year. The toll collections at the entrance to the dam amounted to Rs. 43,673 as against Rs. 26,127 in the previous year and the number of visitors was 3,10,224 as against 2,16,114 in the previous year. Brindavan Gardens.

598. The special project sub-division attached to Krishnarajasagar continued to attend to the surveys of the Kabini Reservoir and other products with a view to develop irrigation to the maximum extent permissible under the scheduled rivers. Conducting Surveys of Kabini and other Reservoir Works.

599. The Visvesvaraya Canal with all its branches and distributaries was maintained satisfactorily during the year. Water Supply to an extent of 85,118 acres under the main Maintenance of Visvesvaraya Canal.

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and several branches of the canal was maintained. A record extent of nearly 75,000 acres was planted with paddy in the area during the year.

600. The special establishment for the shifting of the villages as an anti-malaria measure, in the Visvesvaraya Canal area was sanctioned during the year. A grant of Rs. 10 lakhs was sanctioned for the year for Anti-Malaria, Engineering works. Many of the works as per approved programme of Rs. 8 lakhs and Rs. 15 lakhs for creating dry belts, depletion of tanks, shifting of villages, etc., were completed.

601. A separate P.W. Division, exclusively to attend to the improvement of Inter-Village Communication in the aggregate area under the Visvesvaraya Canal was sanctioned for a pariod of 3 years with 3 Sub-Divisions.

602. About 630 miles of roads were either opened or improved in the Visvesvaraya canal area to facilitate quick and easy transportation of the agricultural produce.

Architect's Section.

603. Requisitions for designs for construction of several buildings in the State, during the year, continued to be numerous. Type designs for residential buildings, for working classes officials and middle class were recast and fresh designs were prepared. Many improvements were effected in designs for hospitals, in consultation with the Senior Surgeon. Numerous special designs as required by the Executive Engineers, Heads of Departments and other Government Institutions continued to be prepared.

Well Boring Section.

604. The well boring section formerly attached to the Ex-sanitary bureau was transferred to the charge of the Controller of Cental Stores on 1st August 1950. Bore wells were put up in various parts of the State during the year.

Mysore Traffic Board.

Amendment to Act and Rules.

605. Schedule XI-C of the Mysore Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, 1944, was amended making provision for the licensing and taxation of auto-rickshaws with effect from 1st April 1950. Maximum fares were fixed for auto-rickshaws plying within the limits of the Bangalore Corporation.